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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The Commissioner of  
4 Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the  
5 Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall establish the Learn Here,  
6 Live Here program. Such program shall provide incentive for  
7 graduates of a public institution of higher education in this state, who  
8 qualified as in-state students and paid the in-state tuition rate, or from  
9 a regional vocational-technical school to buy their first homes in the  
10 state by allowing persons who graduate on or after January 1, 2013,  
11 from such institutions or schools to have a portion of their income tax  
12 liability segregated into the Connecticut First-Time Homebuyers Fund  
13 established pursuant to section 502 of this act. After a period not  
14 exceeding ten years after graduation, any amounts so segregated by a

15 graduate may be withdrawn for the purchase of a first home in the  
16 state. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
17 shall make payments in accordance with this section from said fund to  
18 such graduate.

19 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Economic and  
20 Community Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
21 Revenue Services, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter  
22 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.  
23 Said regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a cap on  
24 segregated funds for the first year of participation of five per cent of a  
25 participating graduates' income tax liability, (2) a cap on segregated  
26 funds that increases during years two through ten of such  
27 participation, and (3) criteria for such increase.

28 (c) On or before December 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Economic  
29 and Community Development shall develop, within available  
30 appropriations, a comprehensive public education program to educate  
31 recent graduates of a public institution of higher education in the state,  
32 who qualified as in-state students and paid the in-state tuition rate, or  
33 of a regional vocational-technical high school about the program  
34 established under this section for first-time home buyers. The public  
35 education program shall include, but not be limited to, information  
36 concerning life-time savings plans and information on the purchase of  
37 a home. Said commissioner shall begin to implement the outreach  
38 program not later than January 1, 2013.

39 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) There is established a  
40 Connecticut First-Time Homebuyers Fund which shall be a separate,  
41 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Funds segregated by the  
42 Commissioner of Revenue Services, pursuant to section 501 of this act,  
43 shall be deposited in the account. Amounts deposited in the account  
44 shall be available to the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
45 Development for payments to participants in the program established  
46 pursuant to section 501 of this act. The State Treasurer shall invest the  
47 proceeds of the account, and investment earnings shall be credited to

48 and become part of the account. On or before September 1, 2013, and  
49 annually thereafter, the State Treasurer shall notify the Commissioner  
50 of Economic and Community Development of the total amount in the  
51 account. Any funds segregated for a participant in the program  
52 established pursuant to section 501 of this act that are not used for the  
53 purchase of a first home shall be transferred to the General Fund. Any  
54 costs incurred by the State Treasurer in administering the fund shall be  
55 paid from investment interest accrued by the principal contributions to  
56 the fund.

57 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) As part of the Learn Here,  
58 Live Here program established pursuant to section 501 of this act, the  
59 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall segregate a portion of the  
60 income taxes paid by a person who graduated from a public institution  
61 of higher education in this state, who qualified as an in-state student  
62 and paid the in-state tuition rate, or from a regional vocational-  
63 technical school during each of the ten taxable years following the year  
64 of graduation. Upon the request of such person, the commissioner  
65 shall segregate an annual amount determined in accordance with  
66 subsection (b) of section 501 of this act. Taxes may be segregated  
67 pursuant to this section for taxable years commencing on or after  
68 January 1, 2013. The commissioner shall deposit amounts segregated  
69 from income tax payments pursuant to this section in the Connecticut  
70 First-Time Homebuyers Fund established pursuant to section 502 of  
71 this act.

72 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the general statutes is  
73 amended by adding subdivision (23) as follows (*Effective January 1,*  
74 *2013*):

75 (NEW) (23) With regard to the Learn Here, Live Here program,  
76 established pursuant to section 501 of this act, a summary of the  
77 program, including, but not limited to, participation, account totals,  
78 disbursements and recommendations for program changes or  
79 legislative changes."